Increase in naxal activities

†*386. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalite activities have increased in forests areas of naxal affected States Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh since the year 2003;

(b) whether coordinated and integrated efforts to check the said activities in naxal affected States could not be made due to the lenient attitude of Central Government and some State Governments towards them; and

(c) whether any intense campaign to get rid of the said problem is under consideration of Government; if not, ther reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, forests and the tribal inhabited areas in the naxal affected States have been the focus of naxalite activity. These areas have not seen any increase in naxalite activities since 2003.

(b) and (c) The naxal affected States have been pursuing a multi-pronged approach to address the naxalite menace on political, security and development fronts in a holistic and coordinated manner. The Central Government continues to provide all possible help to these States and facilitate coordination between them to effetively deal with the challenge posed by naxalism.

Threat to Kashmiri Pandits by Terrorists in valley

*387. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmiri Pandits have been forced to

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